



# **MINUTES**

**Extraordinary Council Meeting  
Thursday, 23 July 2020**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE  
ON THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2020 AT 5.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Ahmad Karanouh (Mayor), Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Pat Cullen, Cr Barbara Deans, Cr Bill Fisher.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Hein Basson (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Director of Corporate and Urban Services), Kookie Atkins (Director of Engineering Services), Pip Goldsmith (Economic Development Officer).

**1 OPENING MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting at 5.01 p.m.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today, the Wailwan people and the Gamilaroi people and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

**3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Nil

**4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

***APOLOGY***

***RESOLUTION 2020/97***

*Moved: Cr Barbara Deans*

*Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher*

*That the apology from Cr Robert Thomas and Cr Paul Wheelhouse be noted and approved.*

***CARRIED***

**5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**6 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7 REPORTS TO COUNCIL****RESOLUTION 2020/98**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council receive Item 7.1 and consider the contents.

**CARRIED**

**7.1 INCORRECT CALCULATION - 2020/21 FARMLAND RATE CATEGORY**

The Director of Corporate and Urban Services informed the meeting that a clerical error had resulted in an incorrect calculation of the “farmland” ordinary rate for the 2020/21 financial year and incorrect notices were issued.

Council noted that immediately the error was identified, staff sought guidance from the Office of Local Government and the NSW Local government Revenue Professionals regarding a solution.

The recommended course of action was that a report be tabled for consideration prior to 31 July 2020 detailing the oversight. This would enable Council to note the error in Resolution 2020/84 and provide the opportunity to properly resolve to make, fix and levy the farmland ordinary rate of 0.2920 cents in the dollar in accordance with the adopted Operational Plan.

The Director said that all affected “farmland” ratepayers were informed by letter of the error and advised that amended notices would be forwarded as soon as possible.

**RESOLUTION 2020/99**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council notes Council resolution 2020/84 incorrectly lists the Farmland Ordinary Rate category as 0.3913 cents in the dollar for the 2020/21 financial year.**
- 2. That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Council makes, fixes and levies the Rates and Charges for the 2020/21 financial year for the following rating categories:**

**Farmland:**

**A Farmland rate of 0.2920 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being farmland, with a minimum rate of \$380.00 per annum.**

**CARRIED****RESOLUTION 2020/100**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

That Council receive Item 7.2 and consider the contents.

**CARRIED****7.2 LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE COUNCIL PROPERTY: THE FORMER MAC'S DRY CLEANER BUILDING; LOCATION OF PUBLIC AMENITIES IN THE COONAMBLE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.****RESOLUTION 2020/101**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council authorises the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Mr Brian Sommerville to allow him to purchase the premises located at 40 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble for the amount of \$57,110.86 for the purpose of establishing a supermarket in the Main Street of Coonamble.**
- 2. That Council follows the required legislative reclassification process in terms of its Local Environmental Plan to reclassify Lot 1, DP961887 (the former Mac's Dry Cleaning premises) as 'operational' land.**
- 3. That Council re-determines its preferred location for the erection of public toilets within the Coonamble Central Business District (CBD) as the vacant block located at 79 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble; based on the information discussed in the body of the report, that the vacant block located at this mentioned location presents the best location for the construction of public toilet facilities within the Coonamble CBD because of its visibility, safety aspects for users, close proximity to the shops within the main street and strategic considerations to beautify the corner block to the entrance of the main street into the future.**
- 4. That Council pursues the necessary evidence demonstrating community support for the CBD Public Toilet Project also through its elected members canvassing their constituents (including individuals, businesses and community groups), in order to satisfy the requirements of the grant funding body as stated in the body of the report.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Churchill requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution, which was carried 4 votes / 1 vote.

## **8 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The Meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 12 August 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**